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the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 7:

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--As described earlier, each of the above approaches is fairly orthogonal.

Thus, two or more of these adaptation methods may be combined to produce an additive benefit. A simple combination of the HMM and Bigram adaptation generated the results illustrated in Figure 2. Combining these adaptation algorithms had a somewhat less than additive effect of the development test data, and a somewhat more than additive effect on the evaluation test data. The combined improvement in both cases approached 18%.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claim 16 and amend the claims as follows:

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1. A method of improving the recognition accuracy of a speech recognizer, comprising the steps of:
 - deploying the speech recognizer in an environment to receive live input data;
 - receiving live input data;
 - without supervision, applying a given adaptation algorithm to the received live input data as it is being recognized to improve the recognition accuracy of the speech recognizer; and

redeploying the adapted speech recognizer in the target environment.

14. A method of improving the recognition accuracy of a speech recognizer deployed in an environment to receive live input data, comprising the steps of:

receiving live input data; and

without supervision, applying a given speaker-independent adaptation algorithm to the received live input data as it is being recognized to improve the recognition accuracy of the speech recognizer.

16. A computer-readable memory medium including code for improving the recognition accuracy of a speech recognizer in an environment to receive live input data, the code comprising:

receiving code to enable live input data reception;

applying code to apply a given adaptation algorithm to the received live input data as it is being recognized to improve the recognition accuracy of the speech recognizer; and

updating code to apply the adapted speech recognizer in the target environment.

IN THE DRAWING

As required by the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith proposed changes to the Drawing. The changes are in the form of a red ink sketch. In particular, Applicant proposes to delete Figs. 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B, which are